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1. The Chinese Communist Army (CCA) has decided to begin early in 1951 to build a marine corps of three divisions with a strength of 30,000 officers and men. This involves the establishment of a Naval Marine Command (Hai Chun Lu Chan Tui. Seu Ling Pu, 海軍陸戰隊司令部) under the Chinese Communist Navy Command. WANG Hung-k'un (王宏坤), now deputy commander of the Chinese Communist Navy, will be responsible for the organization and training of the corps.*
2. The decision was made by the CCA to organize one division in the East China Military District, one in the North China Military District, and the third in the Northeast Military District. The divisions will be built around marine corps cadres which now exist in each of these districts. Additional personnel will be taken from the 3 Field Army (FA), the 4 FA and troops now stationed in Manchuria, and the officers will be graduates of the Naval School. Marine corps units will be trained in Tsingtao, Nanking, Foochow, Tientsin, Yink'ou, Dairen and Hulutao.

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* [REDACTED] comment. WANG Hung-k'un was reported [REDACTED] as commander of the 1 Command, 4 Military District, (Hupei Province). The same report stated that he had previously been reported as commander of the 17 Army.

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